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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND PROGRAM  
FOR IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, for which a response was due on March 24, 2009, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend time from March 24, 2009 to June 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.